is received, such as by commencing a predefined time following receipt of the indication to operate in the silent mode. Still further, the processor may be configured to receive an indication to operate in the silent mode and the start time for the silent mode of operation from a calendar or other application in which an event is scheduled that is associated with the silent mode of operation. The foregoing are provided by way of example and the apparatus, such as the processor, may additionally or alternatively be configured to receive an indication to operate in the silent mode and the start time for the silent mode of operation in other manners, such as based upon information received a server or other network device and/or based upon information received from other proximate devices, such as one or more mobile terminals, an access point or the like, that directs operation in the silent mode and provides an indication of the start time for the silent mode of operation.

[0038] During the silent mode, the user device will not generate audible output to alert the user of an incoming call, an incoming message or the like. Thus, the user device generally remains quiet during the silent mode of operation. In accordance with an example embodiment of the present invention, however, the apparatus **10** may include means, such as the processor **12** or the like, for identifying one or more alarms having an activation mode and an activation time during the silent mode of operation of the user device. See block **26** of FIG. **2**. This identification of the one or more alarms is in response to the indication of at least the start time for the silent mode of operation. In an example embodiment, alarms are identified that have an activation mode that provides for the generation of an audible alert and an activation time during the silent mode of operation. The processor may be configured to identify the one or more alarms in a variety of manners including by review of an application for which alarms, by which term any appropriate form of alert including at least an audible component is intended, including such as and not limited to, for example, event reminders, may be generated. Various applications may generate event reminders, such as an alarm clock application, an application relating to exercise, e.g., running, an application related to health care that may issue event reminders to take medication, an application relating to an on-line auction that may issue an event reminder near or at the conclusion of the auction, etc. By way of example, a calendar application that is executed by the processor, stored in memory **14** or otherwise accessible by the processor may identify one or more events, scheduled to occur during operation in the silent mode, for which one or more reminders are to be provided. For example, the reminders may be reminders that would be provided in advance of the event, at the commencement of the event or thereafter. Additionally or alternatively, the processor may be configured to identify one or more alarms that have been scheduled by the user, such as alarms intended to wake the user or otherwise alert the user as to a particular time of day. For example, the alarms that have been scheduled by the user may be stored in memory, such as by the calendar application or otherwise.

[0039] In response to identifying one or more alarms and prior to commencing the silent mode of operation, the apparatus **10** of an example embodiment may also include means, such as the processor **12**, the user interface **18**, the communication interface **16** or the like, for causing a prompt to be presented regarding a potential change to at least one of the activation mode or the activation time for at least one of the alarms that was identified. See block **28** of FIG. **2**. In this regard, the prompt may be presented regarding a potential change to at least one of the activation mode or the activation time for at least one alarm that was identified to have an activation mode that provides for the generation of an audible alert and an activation time during the silent mode of operation. The prompt may permit the user to change the activation mode and/or the activation time in a variety of different manners for respective ones of the alarms that were identified. For example, the prompt may present one or more user-configurable options regarding changing at least one of the activation mode or the activation time for at least one of the alarms that was identified. As shown in FIG. **3**, for example, the apparatus, such as the processor, of an example embodiment may cause a prompt to be presented upon the user interface, such as upon a display **34** of the user device **36**, regarding a potential change in the activation mode of at least one of the alarms by inquiring as to whether one or more alarms are to be administered audibly, vibrationally, visually or without any audible or vibrational output during the silent mode. Based upon their selection(s), a user may effectively prioritize operation in the silent mode with the user device remaining quiet relative to the administration of one or more alarms during the silent mode. Additionally, the user may tailor the manner in which the alarm is to be administered, if at all, during the silent mode by changing the activation mode, such as by selecting an audible alert, a vibrational alert, a visual alert, both an audible and a vibrational alert, no audible or vibrational alert or the like, as shown in FIG. **3**. In addition to or instead of changing the activation mode of an alarm, the prompt may permit the user to change the activation time of an alarm, such as by delaying the alarm until the conclusion of the silent mode of operation.

[0040] As such, the apparatus **10** of this example embodiment may also include means, such as a processor **12**, the user interface **18**, the communication interface **16** or the like, for receiving instructions, such as from the user, in response to the prompt regarding any change to the activation mode and/or the activation time for at least one alarm that was identified as otherwise having an activation time during the silent mode. See block **30** of FIG. **2**. In the embodiment of FIG. **3**, for example, the apparatus, such as the processor and/or the user interface, may receive the selection by a user of one or more of the options regarding a change to the activation mode, such as a change in the manner in which an alarm is to be administered during the silent mode. In an instance in which the instructions indicate that the one or more alarms are to be administered audibly, the apparatus of an example embodiment may also include means, such as a processor, the user interface, the communication interface or the like, for causing a prompt to be presented regarding a volume with which the one or more alarms are to be audibly annunciated. As shown in FIG. **4**, for example, the apparatus, such as the processor, may cause a prompt to be presented upon the display **34** of the user device **36** via which the user may provide an indication as to the volume with which an audible alert is to be annunciated. For example, the user may select that the alarm be annunciated at the same volume as that which the alarm would be annunciated if the user device were not operating in the silent mode or at a lower volume. The user may provide the indication in a variety of manners in response to the query, such as by selection of one of a plurality of predefined options or by movement of a handle **38** along the slider bar **40** as shown in FIG. **4**.